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BODEXPRESS SET TO RETURN TO SOUTH FLORIDA A GRADE I WINNER

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (Saturday, Nov. 28, 2020) – Top Racing, Global Thoroughbred and GDS Racing Stable's **Bodexpress** is set to make his return journey to South Florida on Monday following his 11-1 upset victory in Friday's Grade I, \$500,000 Clark presented by Norton Healthcare.

"Everything is good," said **Gustavo Delgado Jr.**, the assistant to his father. "He'll spend a few days in Ocala, Fla. before returning to Gulfstream Park West. Gulfstream Park is our home track. So, the likely next spot could be the (\$3 million) Pegasus (GI)."

Bodexpress, most known for his antics in the 2019 Preakness Stakes, gave jockey **Rafael Bejarano** his first victory in the Clark.

"It means a lot to my career to win this race," Bejarano said. "I spent many years at Churchill in the past and this was always a big race to win in the Fall Meet. I'm glad we were able to do so now that I'm back home in Kentucky."

Bodexpress improved his overall record to 4-4-3 through 17 starts. The 4-year-old son of Bodemeister has now banked \$694,600 in earnings.

LOCAL JOCKEYS, TRAINERS READY TO MAKE JOURNEY TO WINTER TRACKS – With the close of the Fall Meet on Sunday, many jockeys and trainers are packing their bags to make the journey to their four-month winter homes.

With its new Tapeta surface, Turfway Park has lured several outfits to keep strings in Kentucky year-round. Among the trainers planning to stay in Kentucky are **Buff Bradley, Rodolphe Brisset, Mark Casse, Brad Cox, Neil Howard** and **Eddie Kenneally**.

Jockey **Chris Landeros** is planning to ride the winter at Turfway Park for the first time. He is scheduled to be joined in the jockey colony, at least for the month of December, by **Rafael Bejarano, Declan Cannon, Jon Court, Edgar Morales** and **Joe Rocco Jr.**

Several of the riders planning to stay the month of December at Turfway will eventually make the journey to Hot Springs, Ark. for Oaklawn's meet in January. They'll be joined in the jockeys' room by **Ricardo Santana Jr.** and **Joe Talamo**. Local trainers **Steve Asmussen, Phil Bauer, Brad Cox, Chris Hartman, D. Wayne Lukas** and **Nick Zito** are set to have strings at Oaklawn.

Leading rider **Tyler Gaffalione** is slated to ride at Gulfstream Park along with **Robby Albarado, Corey Lanerie** and **Julien Leparoux**, according to their respective agents.

Several outfits from Churchill Downs have already shipped horses to New Orleans for Fair Grounds' meet, which began on Thursday. Some of the trainers expected to partake in their meet include **Tom Amoss, Asmussen, Mark Casse, Norm Casse, Cox, Greg Foley, Michelle Lovell, Neil Pessin, Al Stall Jr.** and **Dallas Stewart**.

Racing is set to return to Churchill Downs on Saturday, April 24 for the start of Kentucky Derby Week. The backstretch will reopen in March.

LIFE IS GOOD REMAINS 4-1 INDIVIDUAL FAVORITE IN POOL 1 OF KENTUCKY DERBY FUTURE WAGER – **CHC Inc** and **WinStar Farm's** recent 9 1/2-length debut winner **Life Is Good** has garnered much of the early wagering attention in Pool 1 of the Kentucky Derby Future Wager and was the 4-1 individual favorite through two days of wagering.

The ever popular "**All Other 3-Year-Old Colts and Geldings**" was the overall favorite at 3-2. The pool will close Sunday at 6 p.m. (all times Eastern).

In the Kentucky Derby Sire Future Wager, offspring sired by **Into Mischief** held early favoritism at 5-1.

This marks the eighth consecutive year that Churchill Downs has hosted Future Wager pools in November on closing weekend of its Fall Meet. In last year's wager, eventual Kentucky Derby winner **Authentic** closed at 50-1 odds and returned \$103.60 for a \$2 wager. His sire, **Into Mischief**, closed at 17-1 and returned \$36.20.

Bets can be placed at Churchill Downs Racetrack, **TwinSpires.com** and other online wagering outlets and satellite wagering centers across North America.

More information, Brisnet.com past performances and real-time odds on the Kentucky Derby Future Wager are available at <https://www.kentuckyderby.com/wager/future-wager>.

DOWN THE STRETCH – Racing continued Saturday with a first post of 1 p.m. There was a \$44,897 carryover in the 20-cent Single 6 Jackpot (Races 7-12) and a \$21,908 carryover in the Super Hi 5 in Race 12. ... Trainer **Bernie Flint** is one win away from 500 Churchill Downs victories. He had one entry in Race 1 on Saturday. ... Simulcast wagering is set to resume at Churchill Downs on Wednesday, Dec. 2 in the 2nd Floor Clubhouse. For more information, visit www.churchilldowns.com.

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